

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 3 OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE, KNOWN AS THE "PALM BEACH COUNTY FIRE RESCUE EMERGENCY TRANSPORT FEE ORDINANCE"; PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN EMERGENCY TRANSPORT FEES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF LAWS AND ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners enacted Chapter 13, Article II, Division 3 of the Palm Beach County Code, known as the "Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Emergency Transport Fee Ordinance," which established fees to be charged by Palm Beach County Fire-Rescue for the provision of transport services; and

WHEREAS, effective April 1, 2002, Medicare implemented new reimbursement rules and guidelines and a new fee schedule; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires to ensure the receipt of the Medicare maximum allowance for ground transport services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

SECTION 1. Section 13-58, paragraph (b), of Chapter 13, Article II, Division 3 of the Palm Beach County Code, is hereby amended as follows:

(b) The following fees and service charges are to be imposed:

(1)	BLS Transport Fee	~~\$300.00~~	<u>\$395.00</u>
(2)	ALS1 Transport Fee	~~\$340.00~~	<u>\$395.00</u>
(3)	ALS2 Transport Fee	~~\$450.00~~	<u>\$495.00</u>
(4)	Mileage	~~\$7.50 per mile~~	<u>\$7.95 per mile</u>

SECTION 2. Repeal of Laws in Conflict

All local laws and ordinances in conflict with any provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 3. Severability:

If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this ordinance is for any reason held by a Court to be unconstitutional, inoperative or void, such holding shall not affect the remainder of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. Inclusion in the Code of Laws and Ordinances:

The provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Laws and Ordinances of Palm Beach County, Florida. The sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered to accomplish such, and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section", "article", or any other appropriate word.

SECTION 6. Effective Date:

The provisions of this ordinance shall become effective April 1, 2004.

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2 **APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm

3 Beach County, Florida, on the 30 day of March, 2004.

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5 Attest:

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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8 Dorothy H. Wilken, Clerk

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10 By: Linda C. Heckman
11 Deputy Clerk

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13 By: Tony Masilotti
14 Tony Masilotti, Vice Chair

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16 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
17 LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

18 Pran Brown
19 Asst. County Attorney

20 Filed with the Department of State on the 1 day of April, 2004.

STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF PALM BEACH
I, DOROTHY H. WILKEN, ex-officio Clerk of the
Board of County Commissioners certify this to be a
true and correct copy of the original filed in my office
on March 30, 2004
DATED at West Palm Beach, FL on 4/8/04
DOROTHY H. WILKEN, Clerk
By: Pran Brown D.C.